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In re Patent Application of:
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For: INTEGRATED STORM SHUTTER

Examiner: Gay Spahn

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Communication mailed July 12, 2007, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1 - 16 and 18 - 25.

Applicants further provisionally elect the following three groups of species as required by the Examiner: Group I, Species II, Figures 15 and 16; Group II, Species II, Fig. 9; and Group III, Species 1, Figs. 6 and 12 for continued examination, with traverse.

Claims readable on the elected species include Claims 1, 6 - 10 and 15.

On page 4 of the Office Communication the Examiner states "if Applicants elect SPECIES II (of Group I) as they did in the 'RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT' filed on 19 April 2007, then they cannot elect SPECIES II (of Group II) because the specification and Fig. 16 does not support the GROUP I, SPECIES II embodiment of the shutter having a corner connector with latch mechanism." The Examiner argues that Paragraph 0065 of the specification indicates that the embodiment of the connector member 24 acting as a latch supporting guide is only envisioned with respect to the Fig. 1 embodiment of the shutter, not the Figs. 15 and 16 embodiment. See page 4 of the July 12, 2007 Office Communication.

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